



**MEMORANDUM TO THE  
SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION GOVERNING BOARD  
REGARDING THE  
ELECTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD VICE-CHAIRS**

January 28, 2021

**Background**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, most recently amended in June 2020, stipulates that the voting Governing Board members shall elect no more than five Vice-chairpersons from among the voting Governing Board members who serve two-year terms and may serve consecutive terms upon re-election (see below for roles of Governing Board Vice-chairs; see Attachment 1 for a list of voting Governing Board members eligible for nomination).<sup>1</sup>

The last election of six Governing Board Vice-chairs was held at the February 20, 2020 Governing Board meeting to serve one-year terms as prescribed under the MOU adopted in 2014 and effective at the time of the election. Resolution 20-02 adopted by the Governing Board on June 18, 2020 stipulates that all Governing Board, Executive Committee, and Technical Advisory Committee members elected or appointed prior to the effective date of the MOU amendment continue to serve until the expiration of their terms as specified at the time of their election or appointment.

**Nomination Period and Election Procedures**

The election of the Governing Board Vice-chairs will be held in accordance with the MOU amended in June 2020 and is scheduled for the February 18, 2021 Governing Board meeting, when the terms for the current Vice-chairs expire. The nomination period for the five Vice-chair positions opens three weeks prior to and closes two days prior to the February 18, 2021 Governing Board meeting, **opening Thursday, January 28, 2021** and **closing Tuesday, February 16, 2021**. The Vice-chair nominations shall be from voting Governing Board members.

*Please send nominations to Guangyu Wang at [guangyu.wang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:guangyu.wang@waterboards.ca.gov).*

Voting Governing Board members are permitted to make self-nominations and floor nominations at the February 18, 2021 Governing Board meeting before the election takes place. If more than five voting Governing Board members are nominated for the

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission's MOU is available online at [https://www.smbrc.ca.gov/about\\_us/docs/mou.pdf](https://www.smbrc.ca.gov/about_us/docs/mou.pdf).



Vice-chair positions, those nominated will be allotted time to state their interest in the position. Thereafter, an election will take place by vote of voting Governing Board members. The newly elected Vice-chairs will assume the position as Vice-chairs immediately after the election, conduct authorized activities after that time, including setting the Executive Committee meeting schedule, and serve two-year terms.

### **Roles of the Governing Board Vice-chairs**

For information on the roles of the Governing Board Vice-chairs, please see Section III.A (Governing Board, page 4) and Section III.B (Executive Committee, page 7) of the [Commission's MOU](#).

In addition to acting as Chair of the Governing Board in the Chair's absence, the Governing Board Vice-chairs serve as voting members of the Executive Committee. In accordance with the MOU amended in June 2020, the Executive Committee consists of no more than nine members. In addition to the five elected Vice-Chairs, the Executive Committee includes the Governing Board Chair as a voting member and three ex officio members: the Chief Deputy Director of the State Water Resources Control Board as a voting member, and the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program (NEP) Director and the US EPA Regional Administrator of Region 9 as non-voting members. The Governing Board Chair was elected at the December 8, 2020 Governing Board meeting for a two-year term. The ex officio members' terms are continuous.

The Executive Committee is charged with overseeing the day-to-day activities of the Commission, including, but not limited to, exercising the authority and executing tasks delegated by the Governing Board and preparing agendas for Governing Board meetings. The Executive Committee meets at least four times per year, alternating those months with the meetings of the Governing Board. It is important to emphasize that Executive Committee membership is a working position, not a ceremonial one. Voting Governing Board members considering a position on the Executive Committee should expect their commitment to the Commission's activities to at least double and should endeavor to regularly attend Governing Board and Executive Committee meetings.

The elected Governing Board Vice-chairs may designate up to two alternates to assume all of the member's authorities, roles, and functions in the member's absence, including voting, serving as the Executive Committee member in the member's absence, and acting as the Chair in the Governing Board Chair's absence. To preserve continuity, the Vice-chairs' alternates shall be the same alternates designated to act for the members on the Governing Board.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1      Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission Voting Governing Board Members Eligible for Vice-chair Nomination

## ATTACHMENT 1

### SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION VOTING GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR VICE-CHAIR NOMINATION

Voting Governing Board members eligible for nomination as Governing Board Vice-chairs as of January 2021.

<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Blumenfeld, Jared	California Environmental Protection Agency
Bonham, Chuck	California Department of Fish & Wildlife
Bonin, Mike	City Council District 11, City of Los Angeles
Brand, Bill	South Bay Cities (City of Redondo Beach)
Crowfoot, Wade	California Natural Resources Agency
Edmiston, Joe	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Ferrante, Robert	Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County
Garcetti, Eric	City of Los Angeles
Godfrey, Robert	At-Large Representative (Marina Del Rey Anglers)
Gray, Gloria	At-Large Representative (West Basin Municipal Water District)
Jones, Gary	Los Angeles County Department of Beaches & Harbors
Kerns, Misti	Coastal Tourism Industry (Santa Monica Travel & Tourism)
Kuehl, Sheila	Supervisor, County of Los Angeles (District 3)
Luce, Shelley	Environmental/Public Interest (Heal the Bay)
Mangat, Lisa	California Department of Parks and Recreation
McKeown, Kevin	Ballona Creek Watershed Cities (City of Santa Monica)
Murphy, Dan	Los Angeles County Fire Department, Lifeguard Division
Notthoff, Ann	California State Coastal Conservancy
Pestrella, Mark	County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
Pierson, Mikke	Malibu Creek Watershed Cities (City of Malibu)

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<b>Voting Member</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Reznik, Bruce	Environmental/Public Interest (Los Angeles Waterkeeper)
Spackman, Rod	Business/Economic Interest (Chevron)
Stahl, James	California Regional Water Quality Control Board – Los Angeles
Stevens, Clark	At-Large Representative (Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains)
Uranga, Roberto	California Coastal Commission
Zaldivar, Enrique	Public Works Department, City of LA (LA Sanitation & Environment)